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Title: NOVEL GENES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF
DIFFERENTIATION OF SMOOTH MUSCLE CELLS

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date
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Abstract	1
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This application is a continuation-in-part (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of PCT/JP00/05059, filed July 28, 2000, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/159,590, filed October 18, 1999, and 60/183,322, filed February 17, 2000; and Japanese Patent Application Nos. 11-248036, filed July 29, 1999; 2000-118776, filed January 11, 2000; and 2000-183767, filed May 2, 2000. The disclosures of the prior applications are considered part of (and are incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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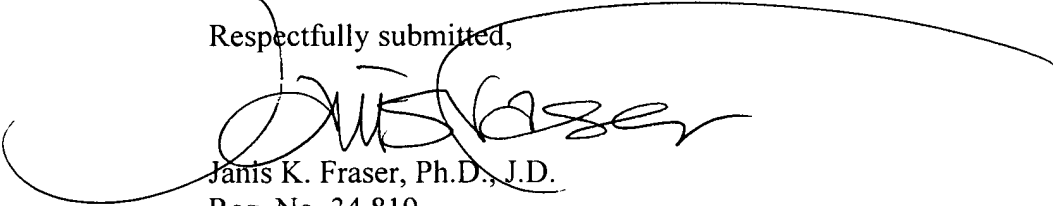
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